

REMARKS

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

The Office Action in the parent case and prior art relied upon have been carefully considered. In an effort to expedite the prosecution this RCE is being filed.

In the outstanding Office Action of the parent claims 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US 2002/0145692 A1 (Ohkouchi).

On page 3, line 5 of the Office Action the Examiner mentions that in the reference, the pre-tilt angle (α) is in the range of 2 to 4 degrees. The Examiner apparently relied on this range of the reference to overlap the previously claimed range of 3-4 degrees as set forth in previous claim 4.

The presently amended claim 4 of this RCE avoids Ohkouchi et al. because the claimed range of the pretilt angle of the liquid crystals is more than 4 to 10 degrees.

The critical range now claimed is therefore not anticipated by the cited reference. Accordingly, claims 4 and 5 as amended are now allowable.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including any extension fees, to CBLH Deposit

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